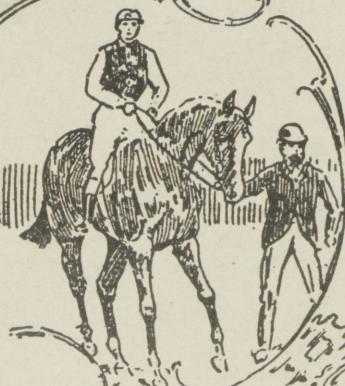


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COMMENT ON SPORTING ACTION.

The stop and stammer of sporting comment in these days of ours abounds, so to say. From New York comes the news, under date of Dec. 25, that the remaining days of 1896 are few. So! Six filled the count. There were six at the same time last year and there will be six next, unless something unusual happens to the calendar. As Touchstone said, according to Duke Jaques:

* * * "It's ten o'clock:

Thus may we see, quoth he, how the world wags;

T's but an hour ago, since it was nine;

And after an hour more, 'twill be eleven.'

There's another literary figure—Cap'n Jack Bunsby—Cuttle's Seafarer—who reflects wordy nothingism of comment. Shakespeare was "kidding" the "flubdubber" of his age, through Touchstone and Duke Jaques. Dickens took a

hack at the same pretender, through Jack Bunsby. There's enough literary mutual-admiration for a modern cross and an 1896 Calvary. Both are needed. Bunsby's "bearing on the observation" reaches the application of this. The spade of present sporting comment isn't anything like a long implement to garner dirt. It is rather a sort of cloak to cover the mire of events, according to the inclination of the commentator toward the actor.

Going further into the realms of criticism of present sporting doings, the information is vouchsafed that Corbett needs to be in "fettle" to punch the "stuffin," out of that Cornish-New Zealand marvel in the fighting line; Robert Fitzsimmons, the red and redolent. So, again! When wasn't Corbett in "fettle."

The word "fettle" is English. It means condition and is peculiar to British mankind and equinity. Answering the question, Corbett was "short" but once in his career. That was when he let Sharkey "mix it" with and "navvy" him at 'Frisco and get "a draw." That decision was, perhaps, as corrupt as Earp's. Corbett made light of his man and suffered the consequences of physical imperfection.

Champions who are careless deserve to suffer. That was the only time Corbett was ever physically imperfect. It should furnish a deep lesson to him.

Jackson stood Corbett off. But Jackson was a champion, too. Had he been more careful of Jackson and less subject to the ecstasy of success, he might have been more than he was. Corbett's high class: far higher than the public's notion of the average of a pugilist. We all have notions and faults. Humanity's best is the man or woman of control and the fewest weaknesses. Corbett hasn't failed but once in his fighting career. He has "smothered" a lot of champions in a sauntering sort of way. So has "Red" Robert Fitzsimmons. There has though, been more friction to the Cornishman's action. Both men have made their matches well. That's mental balance. The fellow who doesn't pick his fights, for winning ways, isn't "ripe o' the head." Corbett has gone against keener corners than Fitzsimmons. Fitz once barbed Sullivan in his challenges. Corbett went at and smothered the terror. He could have smothered him on the mere intelligence of physical and pugilistic conditions, and hitting a man at the right time, when Sullivan was at his best. Mitchell, the "cocky," a good fighter of his own class, was similarly treated by Corbett. Yet Mitchell stood off Sullivan by the natural conditions of mentality and the luck of weather. Class in pugilism is sharper than horse class, as mankind is sharper than the highest type of animal.

The courts and technicality of legalism notwithstanding—Fitzsimmons was cheated in California. He smothered Sharkey. So did Corbett—

early. Later, condition told. Sharkey's a tool.

Denny Lynch—his Svengali—is the toad in the Sharkey hole. Lynch played for a big stake—with the saw or chisel he picked out—an' got it. Lynch is a Yankee and a keen hand. He has always been in the "sure thing" class—from base ball, to the turf and pugilism. Each department has "produced" to Lynch. The base ball folks have Lynch "tabbed," he is ruled off the turf and is at present not in good standing as a pugilistic manipulator. A glance over the early plan of the action out of which came the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey match shows how keenly it was arranged. The bookmakers and big bettor of the East was the "game" in view. Lynch landed his fish—early.

Fitzsimmons and Corbett are matched. Their fight is ten weeks ahead. Fitzsimmons lost to Sharkey, yet knocked him out, Corbett and Sharkey fought a draw. Superficial fighting figures—pugilistic form—say that Fitzsimmons should win. Here and there, in action, such figures can be rejected. This form line—a pair of fights—can be thrown out in this case. The odds on Sharkey and Fitzsimmons—3 to 1 on Fitz—were natural. The odds on Corbett against the Cornishman should be from 7 to 5 to 8 to 5. Fitzsimmons will not have any reach advantage to speak of over Corbett and Corbett will have some 25 pounds to the good in weight. That's a lot. The old English adage about pugilism "a good big 'un's better than a good little 'un," applies most keenly. But the fight's result should be settled on mental lines. If it isn't, its outcome will be false. A man who uses his wits will smother a man who doesn't use them, nine times out of ten. It's right that he should. Physical power is reflected by the hodman and the roadmaker. Mental power comes to us through the doctor, lawyer and successful manager in general avenues. Maher—a physical wonder, but a mental "spinning wheel"—was "pie" for Fitz—twice. Yet in their New Orleans meeting, had the Irishman possessed mental balance he might have won. In two or three of his fights Fitzsimmons has shown wild mental streaks. Corbett has never shown a lack of brains.

Corbett will not fight "Red Bob" in "Red Bob's" style. Most of Fitzsimmons' opponents have made the pace. Corbett isn't a pace maker. He's a fighting mathematician. Turf handicap figures applied to the two men yield this kind of an estimate:

Corbett..... 850
Fitzsimmons..... 580

At the same time Fitzsimmons is the hardest nut ever offered for Corbett to crack.

Maher's a physical champion. But he will not "do" above the neck. O'Donnell's do not count. The Australian's mild mannered bluff, when the tigerish action of present pugilism is considered. Past action be blowed, damned, or filed away. The present's surely most full of movement. If it isn't, life's a "ringer" and the progress of experience a liar. Bets on the latter should be good at about 1 to 250,000. Weights and bodies reasonably even, calculation on fighters should go to brains. They are the balance of humanity, all about. They reach into horse and dog lines, too. There's more honesty about horses and dogs also. Brains sometimes reflect physical power in men—and always in animals. The latter cannot talk and have no commercial nook. One cannot vouch for all their owners, though.

F. H. BRUNELL.

NOTES OF THE TURF.

Dr. H. E. Rowell, who recently bought Satsuma from C. S. Brownell, has taken the colt to San Francisco.

INGLESIDE FORM CHART

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 30.—Thirty-third Day. Pacific Coast Jockey Club. Winter Meeting. Weather cloudy; track heavy.

Presiding Judge, Jas. H. Rees. Starter, R. Haye.

5846 FIRST RACE—1 Mile. Purse \$400. 3-year-olds and upward. Allowances.

Ind.	Horses.	Wt.	St.	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys	Owners	Op	Cl	Pl
(5815)	SCHILLER	102	4	4½	3½	3½	1½	1½	Laughter	B. Schreiber	2-5	7-20	out
5751	EARL COCHRAN	99	1	1½	1½	1½	22	21	H. Martin	J. Cochran	40	50	12
5610	WYOMING	102	2	2½	2½	3½	31	31	R. Isom	A. B. Spreckels	5	6	7-5
5813	ST AIGNON	94	6	3½	4½	42	46	41½	H. Brown	W. D. Randall	8	10	3
5804	INSTALLATOR	108	3	5½	5½	5½	520	520	Doggett	W. Boots & Son	5	6	7-5
5525	MISS C'NNINGHAM	94	5	6	6	6	6	6	Frawley	W. M. Murry	30	40	10

Time, 27¾. 54, 1:19½, 1:46.

Winner—B. c, 3, by St. George—Frauley.

Start good. Won galloping. Earl Cochran is steadily improving. Installator disliked the track. St. Aignon was badly ridden and seems unable to stay. Wyoming was run off his feet. Schiller outclassed the field.

Scratched—Lobengula, 108; Jack Richelieu, 103.

5847 SECOND RACE—7-8 Mile. Purse \$400. 2-year-olds. Allowances.

Ind.	Horses.	Wt.	St.	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys	Owners	Op	Cl	Pl
5791	ESTACA	103	2	2½	4½	44	4½	1½	H. Martin	Santa Anita Stbl	6	7	2½
5791	ARREZZO	107	4	4½	3½	3½	3½	26	J. Gardner	H. E. Leigh	6	6	2
(533)	GREYHURST	100	2	3½	1½	1½	21	32	E. Jones	George Rose	1-2	11-20	out
5791	HORATIO	103	1	1½	21	21	1½	11	R. Isom	H. Dimond	4	5	8-5
5581	MODESTIA	95	6	6½	6½	5	5	5½	F. Riley	W. M. Murry	*25	30	10
4956	PHILIP H	95	7	7	7	6	6	6	Frawley	W. M. Murry	*25	30	10
166	INGLESIDE	100	5	5½	7	7	7	7	Slaughter	B. Schreiber	25	30	10

*Coupled in betting.

Time, 26¾, 52½, 1:17¾, 1:31½.

Winner—B. c, by Emperor of Norfolk—La Cienega.

Start good. Won driving. Estaca finished very gamely. Greyhurst was short in the deep going. Arrezzo finished very strong. Will prove better on a good track. Horatio and Greyhurst killed each other. A good race for the going.

5848 THIRD RACE—1 1-16 Miles. Purse \$400. 3-year-olds and upward. Handicap.

Ind.	Horses.	Wt.	St.	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys	Owners	Op	Cl	Pl
(5790)	RED GLENN	104	5	1½	1½	1½	13	13	E. Jones	Cambridge Stbl	*2	3	1
5791	HERMANITA	100	2	3½	3½	3½	3½	2½	H. Martin	J. G. Follansbee	3	16-5	1
5752	CABRILLO	107	6	2½	22	22	23	38	R. Isom	R. Van Brunt	3	4½	8-5
5582	WAWONA	90	4	5½	5½	5½	5½	43	H. Brown	L. C. White	6	7	2½
5753	AD. SPRECKELS	94½	3	6	6	6	5	5½	Slaughter	Ed Corrigan	5	4	8-5
276	YANKEE DOODLE	109½	4	4½	4½	4½	4½	6	Doggett	Cambridge Stbl	*2	3	1

*Coupled in betting.

Time, 27¾, 55, 1:20%, 1:46¾, 1:54.

Winner—Br. g, 5, by Glen Elm—Red Girl.

Start good. Won easily. Red Glenn is in great condition. Wawona and Spreckels collided at start. Yankee was short and did not like going, but ran well. So did Cabrillo.

Scratched—Addie Buchanan, 94; Doyle, 80.

Overweights—Yankee Doodle, 4½ pounds; Hermanita, 2; Adolph Spreckels, 2½.

5849 FOURTH RACE—1 1-16 Miles. Purse \$400. Over 4 Hurdles. Allowances.

Ind.	Horses.	Wt.	St.	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys	Owners	Op	Cl	Pl	
5813	SNOWDOWN	140	3	1½	1½	1½	11	11	Maynard	H. Newman	6-5	1	out	
5793	BRILLIANT	141	5	4½	42	42	21	25	Merritt	H. Wilson	15	25	8	
5805	FRED GARDNER	166	6	3½	2½	21	32	32	Rudolph	Boyle & Holly	7	10	3	
5815	BROAD BILLOW	128	2	2½	35	4½	41	44	Sandford	C. F. Sanders & Co.	3	4	4-5	
5812	MALO DIABLO	156	1	6	6	6	5	5	Peters	J. Wallman	5	5	8-5	
5583	FI FI	141	5	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½	Fell	Higgins	S. G. Merriweather	12	15	6

Time, 28¾, 58¾, 1:25½, 1:53½, 2:05.

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INGLESIDE FORM.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 30.—The form of
Thursday's Ingleside fields is:

First Race—Meadow Lark, Gallant, Minnie
Cee.

Second Race—Frank K. Monita, Bombazette,
Third Race—Summertime, Miss Brummell,
Argentina.

Fourth Race—Casper, Celoso, Scorch.

Fifth Race—Benamela, La Mascota, Morte
Fonse.

NEW ORLEANS FORM.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30.—The form of
Thursday's New Orleans races is:

First Race—Trilby, Judith C. Overella.

Second Race—Robbie W. Lott, Donna Rita.

Third Race—Rouble, The Sculptor, Dorothy III.

Fourth Race—Seabrooke, Bloomer, Necedah.

Fifth Race—Partner, Buckmore, Stark.

Sixth Race—Clymena, Alvin W., Prima.

NEW ORLEANS POOLING.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—Tonight's pooling
on Thursday's New Orleans races was:

First Race—Trilby, \$10; Overella, \$8; Cam-

pania, \$8; Sim W, \$4; Katherine, \$4; field, \$5.

Second Race—Lott, \$10; Mamie Callan, \$10; Elkin, \$6; Chappie, \$6; Robbie W., \$6; field, \$5.

Third Race—Dorothy III, \$10; The Sculptor,

\$8; Rouble, \$6; Issie O., \$6; field, \$5.

Fourth Race—Seabrooke, \$15; Bloomer, \$8; Viscount, \$6; Ramona, \$6; field, \$2.

Sixth Race—Viscount, \$10; Miss Verne, \$8; Clymena, \$8; Alvin W., \$5; Koenigen, \$4; field, \$3.

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INGLESIDE ENTRIES.

Probabilities: Weather cloudy; track heavy.

First Race—7-8 Mile.

3-year-olds and upward. Selling.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5831 Boreas (3)....107 5806 Petracch (3)....102
5564 McFarlane (4)....104 5564 Podiga (6)....102
5161 Hazel D (3)....99 5677 Minnie Cee (7)....104
5752 Miss Ruth (4)....104 5751 M'do Lark (4)....104
5738 San Marco (3)....102 5709 Gallant (4)....104
5805 Tuxedo (3)....104

Second Race—7-8 Mile.

3-year-olds and upward. Selling.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
Diner (4)....104 3772 The Bachelor (3)....99
5565 Frank K (4)....107 5833 Potentate (5)....107
5831 J. Richelieu (a)....107 5568 Bombazette (4)....104
5458 Scimera (3)....102 5815 Monita (5)....104
5815 Flashlight (4)....107 5613 Miss Ross (3)....99

Third Race—11-8 Miles.

3-year-old fillies. The California Oaks.

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Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5829 Torsina (109) (5763) Argentina (117)

(5829) Summer Time (109) (5829) Sw' F' verdale (117)

5813 Miss Brummell (109) (5833) Lucille (117)

5816*Camelia (109) (4294) Japonica (109)

*E. Corrigan entry.

Fourth Race—5-8 Mile.

2-year-olds. Allowances.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
4986 Link Boy (109) 5789 Play Boy (106)
5735 Atticus II (102) 5812 Scorch (107)
5794 Siegfried (111) 5794 Celoso (113)
5802 Sweet William (116) 5608 The Sinner (106)
5830 Caspar (112) 5608 Mercutio (108)
5734 Da Capo (104) 5644 Roy Carruthers (111)
5802 Tryst (103) 5794 Bohemian Lass (105)

Fifth Race—11-16 Miles.

3-year-olds and upward. Selling.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5492 La Mascota (3)....100 5831 Hazard (3)....100
5753 Huntsman (5)....104 5813 Benamela (3)....98
4294 Japonica (3)....95 (5851) Morte Fonse (4)....112
(5649) Thornhill (5)....112

ST. LOUIS FNTHS.

Probabilities: Weather clear; track good.

First Race—5-8 Mile.

3-year-olds and upward. Selling.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
C. Mulholland (3)....104 2092 Wagtail (3)....108
5810 G. Prewitt (a)....109 5807 Vanmeter (4)....109
2691 Birdie C (3)....112 5807 T. Archer (3)....112
5819 Sam Watkins (4)....112 5842 M. Campbell (a)....13
215 Marble Rock (6)....113 5844 Waverly (a)....117
5855 Jim T (8)....117

Second Race—5 1-2 Furlongs.

All Ages. Allowances.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5821 San Benita (2)....87 5813 President (3)....97
5809 Lizzie Marie (2)....97 5842 Castalia (3)....97
5841 John R (a)....97 5852 Connamara (8)....102
5845 Ike Pryor (4)....107 (5845) His Nibs (a)....107
5852 Sant Ilario (4)....110 5780 Daddy Reed (4)....115

†By Buck Walton.

Third Race—6 1-4 Furlongs.

3-year-olds and upward. Allowances.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
4395 Mary Anna (3)....107 5845 Dr. Christian (3)....107
(5809) Little Cliff (3)....107 5844 Cashier II (3)....107
5251 Bearded (3)....107 5809 Arian (3)....107
(5781) Playful (3)....107 5667 Alozo (a)....112
5812 Echoilie (4)....112 4414 Oak Forest (6)....115
1545 Blaze Duke (7)....115

Fourth Race—7-8 Mile.

3-year-olds and upward. Allowances.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5816 M. Kirkendall (3)....102 5769 A H Taylor (4)....102
5809 Dr. Malcolm (a)....107 5845 Hop Bloom (4)....107
5782 Ed Beaman (a)....107 5782 Russell Gray (a)....107
5843 Adam (4)....107 5720 Virginian (5)....107
5820 Storekeeper (4)....107 5770 Hat. Belle (4)....107
5811 M. Solomon (5)....110 5848 Wheeloski (4)....110

Fifth Race—7-8 Mile.

3-year-olds and upward. Allowances.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5856 Willi Dexter (3)....102 5818 Sapphire (3)....102
5843 Irish Queen (3)....102 5856 Blck Beauty (7)....107
5856 John R (a)....107 5782 Hilyar (a)....107
5855 Bill Arp (5)....107 5867 Balsam (3)....102
5840 Backwoods (a)....107 5782 Berwyn (5)....107
5845 Little George (a)....110

†By Reber.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

Probabilities: Weather clear; track fast.

First Race—7-8 Mile.

3-year-olds and upward. Selling.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5836 Jim Maddox (4)....93 5776 Romance (3)....95
5826 Sim W (3)....95 5797 Master Fred (5)....98
5714 Judith C (3)....100 5822 J. Steadman (4)....103
5797 Overella (4)....105 5824 Campania (4)....105
5797 Alva (4)....105 5783 Katherine (4)....105
(5836) Trilby (4)....109

†By Springbok.

Second Race—3-4 Mile.

2-year-olds. Selling.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5729 Benefit (....97 5835 Lott (....97
5717 Annie Teuton (....97 5835 Fred Graft (....97
5835 Elkin (....100 5798 Donna Rita (....102
5837 Mamie Callan (....102 5772 Susie Hawze (....102
5757 Robbie W (....105 5837 Chappie (....105
5796 Double Dummy (....107 5796 Jack Hayes (....107

†By Springbok.

Third Race—7-8 Mile.

3-year-olds and upward. Selling.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5788 The P. M'thed (2)....80 5837 Viscount (2)....88
5798 Bloomer (3)....92 5860 Partisan (4)....98
(5786) Seabrooke (3)....103 5834 Ramona (4)....107
5688 Rouble (4)....109 5827 Issie O (4)....109
5827 Sir John (4)....109 5698 The Sculptor (6)....109

†By C. Fessenden entry.

Fourth Race—1 Mile.

All ages. Handicap.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5783 The P. M'thed (2)....80 5837 Viscount (2)....88
5798 Bloomer (3)....92 5860 Partisan (4)....98
(5786) Seabrooke (3)....103 5834 Ramona (4)....107
5688 Rouble (4)....109 5827 Issie O (4)....109
5827 Sir John (4)....109 5698 The Sculptor (6)....109

†By C. Fessenden entry.

Fifth Race—7-8 Mile.

3-year-olds and upward. Selling.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5788 Gladioli (3)....99 5788 Ixion (5)....102
5784 Seabrooke (3)....103 5826 Sky Blue (3)....104
5836 Little Tom (5)....104 5731 M. Smith (5)....104
5787 Stark (4)....109 5787 Buckmore (4)....109
5716 Partner (4)....109

Sixth Race—5-8 Mile.

2-year-olds. Allowances.

Ind. Horses. Wgt. Ind. Horses. Wgt.
5896 Prima (....105 5883 Miss Verne (....105
5784 Clymena (....105 5798 Koenigen (....105
4449 Ilia (....105 5767 Sankara (....105
3375 Maud Lylas (....105 5837 Viscount (....108
5756 Alvin W (....108

†By C. Fessenden entry.